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FUNDS FOR BUCKINGHAM CANAL
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated for Inland Waterways in the Ninth Plan;

(b) whether the Buckingham Canal has been considered for repair and revival for navigational and other facilities;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, whether the Government propose to allocate funds for the desilting and repair of Buckingham Canal?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) An amount of Rs. 308 crores was allocated for development of inland waterways during 9th Five Year Plan

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Techno Economic feasibility study of integrated canal system between Kakinada and Mercaunam in Andhra Pradesh and Tamilnadu i.e. Kakinada canal, Eluru canal, Commamur canal, North Buckingham canal and SouthBuckingham canal integrated with river Godavari from Cherla to Rajahmundry and Krishna river from Nagarjuna Sagar Dam to Vijayawada has been conducted by Inland Waterway Authority of India through M/s RITES.This study has shown that this integrated waterway system is viable for Inland Water Transport development.

(d) Does not arise.